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An irrigation canal, 270 kilometers long, which should have taken at least six or seven years to build, was dug in the Ferghana Valley of Uzbekistan by 160,000 Uzbek and Tadzhik collective farmers under the direction of 2,000 engineers and technicians in the course of 45 days in August and September, 1939. At the request of the builders the canal has been named by the Soviet Government after Stalin, and it is now known as The Stalin Great Ferghana Canal.

Dug on the initiative of Uzbek collective farmers, the canal is the largest irrigation undertaking in the Soviet Union. It runs through the lands of 2,000 collective farms of Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan and Kirgizia.

The canal starts at the Uch-Kurgan sluice gates on the Naryn River which takes its source from the distant mountains of China. From Uch-Kurgan the canal runs to the river Kara-Darya, joining it near Green Bridge where a large dam raises the level of the water in Kara-Darya River by 3.8 meters. From this dam the canal leads through the Ferghana Valley, intersecting numerous irrigation channels and railways. At the points of intersection several aqueducts, six railway bridges and other structures have been built. Altogether more than 1,300 structures, including 60 complex hydro-technical constructions, have been built on the canal. About 18,000,000 cubic meters of earth were excavated. The building of the hydro-technical construction was completed in six months.

Monumental statues of Lenin and Stalin have been erected at the point where the Kara-Darya River joins the canal. On the right bank of the river stands a lighthouse.